

(33) \$60,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2005 is provided solely for a study under (a) through (i) of this subsection.

Expenditure of this amount is contingent upon a \$60,000 match from a county with a population exceeding one million. The department shall conduct a study to:

(a) Detail the progress in each of the buildable land counties to date in achieving annexation or incorporation of its urban growth area since adoption of the county's county-wide planning policies to the present time by documenting:

(i) The number of acres annexed;

(ii) The number of acres incorporated;

(iii) The number of residents annexed, incorporated, and remaining in urban unincorporated areas; and

(iv) The characteristic of urban land remaining unincorporated in terms of assessed value, infrastructure deficits, service needs, land use, commercial development, and residential development;

(b) Determine the characteristics of remaining urban unincorporated areas and current statutes, and estimate when all urban unincorporated areas in each county will be annexed or incorporated, based on the rate of progress to date;

(c) Survey the counties to identify those obstacles which, in their experience, slow or prohibit annexation;

(d) Survey the cities in each of the subject counties to identify obstacles, which in their experience, slow or prohibit annexation;

(e) Survey residents of urban unincorporated areas in each of the subject counties to identify their attitudes towards annexation or incorporation;

(f) Propose possible changes to city and county taxing authority which will serve to aid the transfer of annexation of remaining urban growth areas in a timely manner;

(g) Identify and discuss the need for funding of capital improvement projects needed to provide urban levels of service;

(h) Assess the role and statutory authority of the boundary review board and how altering their role and authority might facilitate annexation; and

(i) Propose possible changes to growth management or annexation processes which will facilitate annexation.